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Santa Claus Will Be Here Monday

Week's New Yield Sets High Record As Field Expands

Daily Production About 40,000, Due to Sanded Wells and Falling Off in Closely Drilled Areas

SENTINEL'S WILDCAT WELL BROUGHT IN
New Producer on Old Redondo Road (East) Flows 1300 Barrels and Proves Up Wide Region in East Side

The Torrance-Lomita oil field yielded a flock of Christmas presents to operators and land-owners this week, when all previous records for new production were broken both in point of number of wells brought in and in total flush production. Seventeen new wells were placed on production during the week. Their total flush production was 21,700 barrels.

Important among the new producers is Sentinel's Joughlin No. 1 on the old Redondo road (east). This new well is half a mile southeast of Standard's Dominguez No. 1. Flowing at a rate of 1300 barrels a day, Sentinel's new producer promises much for the area south and east of Standard's new well. Sentinel completed the Joughlin well at 3805 feet.

With so many new wells on production, the more optimistic placed the field's daily yield at close to 50,000 barrels a day. This is too high, however, owing to the fact that several good producers have sanded up and are not yet back on production—and also to the fact that in the closely drilled sections of south Torrance and north Lomita flush production falls off rapidly, sometimes dropping from 1500 barrels to 500 barrels during the first week's flow.

1000-Barrel Well
The Bush Drilling company brought in Securities No. 2 on Acacia street with a flush production of 1300 barrels.

Sprague-Hugh No. 2 of the Southern California Drilling company was brought in on Pine street at a 1300-barrel rate.

The 5-O Drilling company completed its well on Narbonne between Palm and Pepper streets with a flush production of 1500 barrels.

Patton and Davis' new producer on Arlington street is doing 1000 barrels a day.

The Ring Petroleum corporation brought in its well on Acacia street at 1300 barrels.

Universal Consolidated completed three wells on the Moore lease between Pepper and Palm streets during the week. No. 2 is doing 1500 barrels. Flush production of No. 3 is the same, while No. 5 is producing 1200 barrels.

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C. OF C. PLANS BIG DINNER HERE ON JAN. 7

Newly Elected Officers Will Outline 1924 Plans

LAUD SECRETARY
Members and Directors Vote Confidence in Gadeky

Newly elected officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce will be installed at a big get-together dinner at Legion hall on Monday evening, Jan. 7.

At this time the work of the chamber during the past year will be outlined and the program for 1924 set forth by newly elected members of the board.

At the annual meeting of the chamber in Legion hall Monday night, a rising vote of appreciation of the work of Secretary Harry L. Gadeky was taken. Directors of the chamber Tuesday took a similar vote of confidence in Mr. Gadeky and Mrs. Laura G. Anderson, assistant secretary.

The directors also passed a resolution of appreciation of the able manner in which Carl Hyde, president of the chamber, has performed his duties during the past year.

Monday night's meeting was given over to interesting discussion of civic affairs. Secretary Gadeky briefly outlined the work accomplished during 1923, which report will be given in detail at the meeting planned for Monday, Jan. 7.

ESTABLISH 3 SCHOOL STOPS IN TORRANCE

One boulevard and two school stops for motorists were established by resolution of the Torrance board of trustees Tuesday night. As soon as pavements are painted motorists will be required to come to a full stop at 22nd street on Arlington, on both sides of the school on Carson street, and on Carson street at the intersection of Arlington.

JULIAN'S TWO WILDCATS ARE CEMENTED OFF

The two outpost wells of the Julian Petroleum corporation are standing cemented. Splitstoeser No. 1, east of Lomita, the outpost of the southern extension, and Julian No. 6, the most southerly well west of Narbonne avenue, were both cemented during the week. If these two wells become producers, still two more large tracts of property will become proven oil land.

IF YOU CAN SOLVE THIS ONE YOU WILL GET A HORSE FREE

"A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!"

The staunch old British king uttered those words—at least Mr. Shakespeare so records it.

And Chief of Police Anderson is looking for some modern equestrian who will repeat the famous words of the royal potentate.

For the police department is possessed of one nag with which it knows not what to do.

You see, this equine was taken into custody, but because the wagon which the animal was hitched to contained a jug of wine, the owner of the beast seems reluctant to lay claim to the quadruped.

Now it so happens that the law requires the police department to advertise the beast of burden for sale twice before the brute may be legally disposed of. But Chief Anderson, after careful study of horse menus and upkeep, declares that the animal will eat more than his own intrinsic value before the necessary legal red tape is unwound sufficiently to al-

BOARD STARTS WESTERN AVE. PAVEMENT ACTION

Instructs Engineer and Attorney to Prepare Proceedings

UNDER ACT OF 1911
Trustees Plan to Keep the Machinery in Motion

Acting upon the request of the Torrance Progress club, the Torrance board of trustees Tuesday night took the first steps toward the creation of an assessment district of the entire city for the paving of Western avenue to the northern city limits.

The board instructed City Engineer Jessup and City Attorney Briney to prepare plans and proceedings for the proposed paving. All action will be taken according to the provisions of the 1911 Improvement act.

As soon as the engineer and attorney have prepared the proceedings, it is the intention of the trustees to set in motion immediately the machinery necessary to create the assessment district.

OLD P.-B. WELL PUMPING OIL, MINUS WATER

Wildcat at Last Looks Like Small Producer

With all signs indicating that the water at last has been successfully shut off, the old Peterson-Barker wildcat north of the Union Tool company now looks like a producer.

On the pump Wednesday morning the well was bringing up about 50 barrels of oil a day.

The well has been standing so long, however, that the oil is extremely heavy. When the coagulated masses have been pumped out it is thought that the well may produce between 100 and 200 barrels of oil a day.

Tuesday a gauge on the casing registered 750 pounds gas pressure.

NOTICE

Merry Christmas!
The Torrance Herald extends a hearty greeting to all its subscribers.

Our plant will be closed next Monday and Tuesday to allow our employes to enjoy the Christmas holiday.

The office will be open on Monday.

Next week's paper will be published Friday afternoon instead of Thursday.

Carrier boys are requested to report at 3 p. m. Friday.

Merry Christmas to all.

Sends Wireless Asking Children To Attend Party

Kris Kringle Doesn't Want to Leave Any Kiddie Out, So Requests Mothers Not to Come Unless Necessary

HE WILL BRING GIFTS FOR EACH CHILD
George Proctor on Committee to Receive Santa Because He Looks So Much Like Jolly Old Gent From the North

"I will be in Torrance Monday afternoon. Please see to it that all my little friends are assembled at the Torrance theatre at 2 o'clock sharp, as I have many other engagements to fill on the day before Christmas. I am bringing gifts for all the kiddies in Torrance. For my records show that there are no bad boys and girls in your city. I have shipped via aeroplane a big Christmas tree direct from the north pole and a lot of trimmings for the tree. I will be on time. Mrs. Santa Claus sends her regards. Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.
(Signed) "SANTA CLAUS."

The above wireless message was received here Tuesday from Kris Kringle in response to a request from Torrance business men, the Chamber of Commerce, industries, civic organizations, clubs and lodges.

So Santa Claus is really coming again this year—despite the thousands of demands from all over the world, asking his presence.

And everything will be ready Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the annual Christmas party at the Torrance theatre—for all children between the ages of 1 and 12 years.

Men and women in close touch with Santa's methods declare that he will bring a gift, fruit and candy for every child in the city.

Tell Your Mamas
Now, boys and girls. Because Santa Claus spends every day of his life doing nice things for kiddies, and because there are 1000 children between the ages of 1 and 12 in the city of Torrance, and because there are only 800 seats in the theatre, please tell your mamas that if they come to the party there will not be room enough for all of YOU. Santa doesn't want any child to be left out, and some surely will be left out if too many older folks come. So if you are too small to come alone, ask your mama to have an older child come with you. Of course if you are just a wee tiny kiddie, say only 1 year old, why Santa wouldn't object to having your mama bring you. But if you are a little older he wants just you and no older folks. It isn't because he doesn't like older folks. But it is because he wants EVERY kiddie in town at the party.

Committee of One
George Proctor is a committee of one to receive Santa Claus—for George knows Santa personally and is said to resemble the jolly old gentleman from the north country to a remarkable degree. All except the whiskers, of course.

It's going to be a dandy party, all right; and remember, Boys and Girls, to tell your mamas that they would be welcome, too, if Torrance had a building with larger seating capacity.

Merry Christmas, Boys and Girls. And aren't we lucky to have Santa coming right to Torrance?

And say, Boys and Girls—there will be a funny moving picture before Santa arrives, too. I almost forgot about that.

IN THE FIELD OF FINANCE

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY

In reviewing the rapid growth and development of Torrance there is eloquent testimony in the expansion of the First National Bank. Founded ten years ago, at first in a very small way, this banking house has grown with singular strides, until today it represents a many-fold increase over the earlier business transacted. With deposits today at over the million mark, this bank has trebled its business in the past three years. The present rate of expansion is at a considerably larger mark than that formerly attained. So you may see that here, indeed, is an institution that is a veritable barometer of the growth and advancement of the city of Torrance.

Housed in one of our best blocks, the First National Bank represents that point where the high tide of Torrance business flows. Just two years ago this bank employed three people. Today it takes a dozen to perform the many duties there, and the growth in the amount of business continues. Extensive additions have recently been made in the banking rooms, and the escrow department is now housed in splendidly appointed quarters connected with the bank proper by a wide archway.

The personnel of the First National Bank must, of course, receive much of the credit for the admirable expansion the bank has enjoyed. Such able men as James W. Post, the president, and with the bank since the day its door was opened to the public, can have no place in any institution unless that business house is of the progressive kind. A shrewd, athletic type of man, Mr. Post is an expert in banking matters and a very prudent counselor.

Mr. L. V. Babcock is the cashier, and he carries out his work with credit. George W. Neill is the vice-president, and J. S. Lancaster and Wilfred Teal are directors.

Withdraws Name From Petition of Pro-Oil Boosters

Having signed a petition requesting the board of trustees to refrain from passing an ordinance prohibiting oil development in the restricted district of the city, J. Forbes Anderson has formally requested the board to strike his name from the petition.

Mr. Anderson in a letter to the board declares that he "was erroneously informed as to the value of town lots for drilling purposes" when he signed the petition.

See Big Building Boom in Torrance For Spring Months

Evidencing the faith of outside builders in the future of Torrance, the Southland Finance and Construction corporation of Long Beach is erecting a lumber yard on Border avenue, opposite Legion hall. The entrance of this company into the local field indicates a big building boom in the city next spring.

Buy it in Torrance.

Call Confab With P. E. Officials on Cabrillo Paving

Definite attempts will be made by the board of trustees to induce the Pacific Electric company to pave Cabrillo avenue along the P. E. right of way, when officials of the railway company meet in Torrance with city officials in the near future. City Engineer Jessup has arranged for a

meeting with railway officials to discuss the question. Directors of the Chamber of Commerce last week passed a resolution declaring that the chamber will "stand behind the board of trustees in any effort made to get the right of way paved."

The P. E. already has agreed to place oiled stone between the tracks and wishes to construct curbing on both sides of the right of way. The curbing is objectionable to the chamber and the trustees.